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Our Case No. 10200-82

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Artur E. Balasinski et al.)
Serial No. To be Assigned)
Filing Date: Herewith)
For SCHEME FOR IMPROVING)
PREDICTABILITY AND/OR)
RELIABILITY OF)
PHOTOLITHOGRAPHIC IMAGES)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

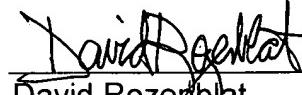
In the Specification

After the title and before the first line of the application insert the following:

--RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority from U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/142,298, filed July 2, 1999.--

Respectfully Submitted,



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